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safety of Rashtrapati Bhawan, North Block, South Block and Parliament House Annexe Building and suggest remedial measures for protection of these buildings against natural calamities like earthquake. The Committee had been asked to submit its report shortly.

**Proposal to restore structural safety of DDA flats and private houses in Delhi**

2524. **SHRI SURESH KALMADI:**  
**SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:**  
**SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:**

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering any proposal to identify and demolish illegal constructions to restore structural safety of DDA flats and private houses in Delhi in the light of Gujarat experience;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to caution the owners of DDA flats and private houses which are less hazardous but need safety measures in view of the possible high-intensity tremors expected in the country's northern region in the near future?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA):** (a) to (c) Safety aspect of buildings in Delhi is governed by the Building Bye-laws which take care of the structural safety of the buildings constructed/proposed to be constructed. These Building Bye-laws are regulated and implemented through various agencies like the DDA, MCD and NDMC. The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has also been emphasising the need for strictly curbing any violation of the Building Bye-laws by any person or persons and has been stressing upon the local bodies/authorities to take action as per Rules and Acts against unauthorised constructions. It has been stated by the DDA that their Building Section has written to the Owners/Architects of the multi-storeyed buildings falling within their area to

re-inspect their buildings and designs from Seismic Resistance point of view as per the Codes of date and to report the Action Taken Report within a period of one month from the receipt of the letter.

**Fiscal and Legal reforms to promote housing activities**

**2525. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:** Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering further fiscal commitments and legal reforms to promote housing activity in the country;
- (b) if so, whether States have been asked to send reports in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the broad features thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA):** (a) Sir, Fiscal concessions are an ongoing process and the Government consider proposals received from various organisations representing the urban sector and recommend the same to Ministry of Finance at the time of formulation of budget.

(b) Yes, Sir. States have been also asked to take action to encourage housing through fiscal and legal reforms.

(c) The broad features include housing friendly rent control and building laws and favourable stamp and other duties.

**High Court direction regarding appointment of LDCs in DDA**

**2526. SHRI GANDHI AZAD:**

**SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:**

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government/DDA have been directed by the Delhi High Court on 7th August, 2000 in CW 1627/99 to hold